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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM SHIPMENTS TO GUYANA NATIONAL SERVICE

1. BACKGROUND - ON MARCH 13 THIS YEAR AMBASSADOR, WHILE VISITING MATTHEWS RIDGE, NOTICED A NUMBER OF SACKS OF FLOUR (USAID CLASPED HANDS SYMBOL ON SACKS) BEING LOADED INTO A GUYANA NATIONAL SERVICE (GNS) VEHICLE. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAVE SEEN EMPTY USAID FLOUR SACKS LYING ABOUT BEHIND THE GNS HEADQUARTERS IN GEORGETOWN. SINCE GNS IS NOT RPT NOT AN AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OF EITHER PL-480 TITLE II FLOUR OR WFP FLOUR, EMBASSY BEGAN INVESTIGATION TO FIND OUT WHY SUCH COMMODITY IS BEING USED BY GNS.

2. AFTER SEVERAL INQUIRIES TO LOCAL UNDP OFFICE AND GNS, EMBASSY HAS ASCERTAINED THAT FLOUR SEEN AT MATTHEWS RIDGE IS PART OF WFP YOUTH CORPS PROJECT WHICH IS ALLOTTED 15.891 METRIC TONS FLOUR PER QUARTER. AT RATION OF 200.5 GRAMS PER PERSON PER DAY (FIGURE SUPPLIED BY UNDPYERE) THIS IS ENOUGH TO FEED ABOUT 900 PEOPLE. CRUCIAL POINT IS THAT YOUTH CORPS HAS BEEN ABSORBED BY GNS AND FORMER NO LONGER HAS SEPARATE IDENTITY WITHIN GNS. WFP FLOUR IS NOW, THEREFORE, DESTINED FOR SOME 900 MEMBERS OF GUYANA'S PARAMILITARY NATIONAL SERVICE, A POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL BODY IDENTIFIED INFORMALLY MILITARY RESERVE ARM OF GUYANA DEFENSE FORCE AND ALSO STRONGLY IDENTIFIED WITH RULING PNC.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY WHAT CRITERIA DO USG AND UN USE TO DETERMINE WHETHER GROUPS SUCH AS YOUTH CORPS AND GNS ARE PARAMILITARY OR LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE RECIPIENTS OR DESIRABLE RECIPIENTS? DOES USG LEAVE IT UP TO UN TO DECIDE ON RECIPIENTS, OR DO WE, AS CONTRIBUTOR OF OVERWHELMING PREPONDERANCE OF FOODSTUFFS, PARTICIPATE IN SELECTING OR APPROVING RECIPIENTS? IF WE DO NOT SPECIFICALLY APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF RECIPIENTS, IS THERE A FORMAL PROCESS WHEREBY WE ARE NOTIFIED OF THEIR SELECTION? SINCE YOUTH CORPS NO LONGER EXISTS AS SEPARATE ENTITY, WHY IS PROJECT CONTINUING (ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF 100 METRIC TONS WFP FLOUR DUE HERE NEXT WEEK OF WHICH SOME 16 METRIC TONS SLATED FOR QUOTE YOUTH CORPS UNQUOTE)? WHAT CONTROLS DOES USG RETAIN ON DESTINATION OF US-ORIGIN WFP FOODSTUFFS? DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.  
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